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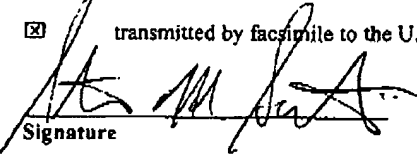
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Please find below a Summary of a telephonic interview held in regard to the above-captioned application.

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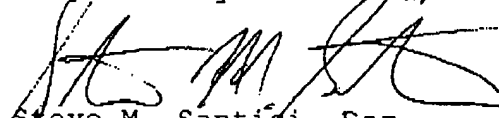
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On December 16, 2005, Applicants' representative, Steven Santisi, Reg. No. 40157, and Examiner Khoi H. Tran conducted a telephonic interview regarding U.S. Patent Application No. 10/782,507. While no agreement regarding allowability of any claims was reached, the Examiner did agree to withdraw the "Letter of Non-Responsive Amendment" mailed December 7, 2005.

Applicants pointed out that all claims in the elected group of claims (Claims 1 to 10) read on both of the species (Figs. 2 and 6) identified by the Examiner and thus, a subset of claims that only reads on one of the Examiner's species could not be identified. Applicants showed the Examiner that the Response to the Restriction Requirement explicitly stated that "the claims of Group I . . . may employ either embodiment [the two species] and/or any other pushing device that includes the features of the claims." The Examiner agreed to consider withdrawing the species restriction requirement and indicated he would call back next week. Applicants further pointed out that the features that distinguish the two embodiments of Figs. 2 and 6 are not recited in any of the elected claims.

Only Claims 1 to 10 were discussed. No prior art was discussed. No other issues or matters were discussed.

Respectfully Submitted,



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